situation. If Army is not deployed in Manipur, there is a risk to the security of the MLAs and the MPs. All representatives of the people are remaining mute. Whatever the Chief Minister might shout from the house-top that Army will not be deployed in the Valley area or whatever the Deputy Chief Minister might say that Army should be deployed both in the Valley area as well as in the hilly area, why are the hon. Home Minister and the Government of India remaining mute spectators to all this? If adequate Army is not required by the State Government, I believe, that is not cent per cent correct. In view of the deteriorating law and order situation, the need of the hour is to curb this insurgency. That is the only thing I wanted to submit.

SHRI S.B. CHAVAN : Mr. Chairman, Sir, so far as deployment of the Army is concerned, we cannot totally ignore the aspirations of the local administration. But before deployment of the Army, the clear understanding was that the State Government, whether it is the Chief Minister or the Deputy Chief Minister, will not interfere with the deployment of the Army. The Army has been asked to flush out the insurgents from this area and clear it from all insurgents. Ultimately, the Coordination Committee will meet and once they meet in the Coordination Committee, nobody can interfere in the working of the Army.

Fire Force Act

*144. SHRI M.A. BABY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many States have enforced Fire Force Act and provincialised the services since the setting up of the Standing Fire Advisory Council and how many meetings of the Standing Fire Advisory Council have been held during the last five years with details of its decisions and subsequent actions; and

(b) whether Government propose to set up any new Committee to make an indepth study on the matter and suggest measures for future, if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) 8 States have adopted the Fire Services Act and governmentalised the fire services after the setting up of the Standing Fire Advisory Council.

Only one meeting of the Council has been held during the last five years. The Council is an advisory body and deliberates mainly on various technical issues referred to it for consideration.

(b) No, Sir.

SHRI M.A. BABY: Sir, you will appreciate that with the prevailing security environment in our country, with fire, violence, arson, riots and so on, fire-fighting becomes a very, very predominant task of the Government. I understand that this is a State subject. There is no denial of that fact. But from the reply, it is very, very clear that in spite of the suggestion, the draft, sent by the Central Government to the States as early as in 1958, only eight States have provincialised the fire services. So, I would like to know from the hon. Minister what persuasive steps have been taken by the Central Government to ensure that the fire services are provincialised in every State and sufficient care and attention are paid by the State Governments to this question. The usual reply would be that since the States are not properly responding to the direction from the Centre, they would think of bringing this subject in the

Concurrent List or the Central List and thereby they would try to solve the problem. I do not want this kind of a reply. What is required now is decentralisation. But the States should be persuaded to pay sufficient attention to this task. From the second part of the reply, it is very clear that there is a Standing Fire Advisory Council and in the last five years, there was only one meeting of the Council. From this, it is very evident that there can even be a conspiracy at the Central level to render the Standing Fire Advisory Council ineffective so that in that pretext, the Centre can take over the responsibility of fire-fighting. So, I want a concrete reply from the Minister that the Central Government will use its good offices to persuade the States to provincialise the fire services.

SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Sir, the hon. Member has already mentioned that the subject is a State subject. I do not know why he himself, in advance has said that the Government will say that this subject will be brought under the Concurrent list. (*Interruptions*). That is not going to be the answer of the Government. I should say that this body is an advisory body and the guidelines were sent to all the States. And, eight States have already made their services. In its meeting on 22nd and 23rd December 1989, this advisory body has given a number of suggestions. The classification of fire happens to be the first recommendation. It is not a decision. It is a recommendation. Since it is an advisory body, we have asked the State Governments to adopt these recommendations so as to strictly implement them to contain fire in the States.

SHRI M.A. BABY: Sir, there is the National Fire Services College at Nagpur. That was established as per the Colombo Plan. That was meant for the whole of the South-East Asia. But in the recent past, the standard has gone down and it has been deteriorating. Will the Government take appropriate measures to ensure that this predominant institute is brought back to its pre-eminence and through the training given by this institute, there would be an effort to streamline the fire services in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): Sir, I am aware of the fact that this institute is very important. But, some how, we could not pay the kind of attention which, in fact, it required. It was an institute of eminence in particular areas. The Government is now fully aware of the developments. We would like to see that it is restored to that position. To do whatever needs to be done in this direction, certainly, further steps will be taken by the Government.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question No. 145.

SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Question No. 145.

Criteria for introduction of new trains

*145. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria for introduction of new trains in different parts of the country:

(b) whether there is any provision for providing new trains on a route, where no new train has been introduced for several years and traffic has increased many fold;

(c) if so, what are the names of those routes where new trains have been introduced during the last three years; and